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Ms. Sheila Desai  
Remedial Project Manager  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V  
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report – November 2013  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7  
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site  
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 85 for the period of November 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 84  
November 1, 2013 to November 30, 2013**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property  
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

**1. Work Performed**

- Initiated development of response to U.S. EPA's November 1, 2013 comments on the Feasibility Study (FS) Report.
- Initiated development of revised FS Report.
- Participation in a conference call on November 13, 2013 with representatives of the U.S. EPA, MDEQ, and Weyerhaeuser regarding U.S. EPA's November 1, 2013 comments on the FS Report.

**2. Data Received**

- None.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules  
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

**4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution**

- None.

**5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period**

- Submittal of response to U.S. EPA's November 1, 2013 comments on the Feasibility Study (FS) Report on December 20, 2013.
- Submittal of revised FS Report on December 20, 2013.

**6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period**

- None.

## **7. Other Relevant Information**

- Decommissioning and demolition activities have been initiated by the City of Plainwell under a Michigan Blight Elimination Program Grant. The work is anticipated to be completed in mid-December 2013 and will be conducted on portions of Residential Areas 1 to 3 and Mixed Residential/Commercial Area 2.
- MW-10 was damaged in October 2013 during on-Site activities. The area has been demarcated and steps are being taken to properly abandon MW-10 and install a new monitoring well adjacent to MW-10.